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S I R:

In response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2002,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 1 - 4 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) An aluminium workpiece comprising on a surface thereof: an oxide film that is formed anodically, which film is 10 to 200 nm thick; and a coating on the oxide film, which coating consists essentially of at least one adhesion promoter containing one or more of Cr, Mn, Mo, Si, Ti, Zr and F, ^{and} optionally containing an organic polymer, wherein the Cr, Mn, Mo, Si, Ti, Zr and F are present in inorganic form, and wherein the adhesion promoter is applied ^{to anodic oxidized} as a no-rinse coating, which is a composition consisting essentially of the adhesion promoter in a volatile vehicle which evaporates leaving a film of the adhesion promoter, or ^{or} a conversion coating, which reacts chemically with the oxide film to form a film of the adhesion promoter.